

# Rolleston Drive upgrade progressing

The upgrade of Rolleston Drive and the Rolleston Drive Tennyson Street intersection has reached a new milestone with the next stage of works starting this weekend.

Isaac Construction Limited is making good progress with the road construction and resurfacing stage of the project set to begin.

In the past couple of weeks, progress has been made in completing the piping of the stock water race on Tennyson Street from the Rolleston Police Station to Bronte Way, completing work on installing underground services and foundations for the new traffic lights, kerb and channel, median islands and sections of footpath on Rolleston Drive and Tennyson Street.

The next step will be night works in the intersection to complete a full road reconstruction through the intersection, which can only be done with the intersection closed. The night works will happen from Sunday 20 March for two weeks (weather permitting), with the intersection closed from 9pm to 6am.

Detours will be in place during the hours the intersection is closed overnight and access to the Tennyson Street and Rolleston Drive shops and shopping centre car parking will be restricted overnight at various stages.

During the daytime the one-way system on Rolleston Drive (westbound towards the community centre) and Tennyson Street (northbound towards the SH1) will remain in place.

The final work will see a new lane layout, traffic lights and better access for pedestrians and cyclists through the intersection, new footpaths, cycleways and lighting along both roads. A new slow speed zone on Rolleston Drive around the entrance to the Rolleston Town Centre is also being built with new median islands and trees.



# Selwyn Rapid Antigen Testing site open

A community Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) pick up point is now open in Rolleston.

The new Rolleston site is open on Factory Drive off Iport Drive in the IPort industrial area and will be open Monday to Friday from 11am – 7pm, and from 10am – 4pm on Saturday and Sunday until further notice.

If approaching from Christchurch on the motorway, exit at Weedons Interchange and take the overpass onto Weedons Rd and then turn left into Jones Road. Follow Jones Road until you reach Hoskyns Road and then turn right. Proceed to the second roundabout and turn right into Iport Drive. Follow the signs and you will see Factory Drive on your left.

“Thank you to the Selwyn District Council for providing this site and continued support. We are continuing to work through the rollout of RAT collection sites,” says Tracey Maisey, ECC Incident Controller, Canterbury DHB.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the Council is happy to help by providing a Selwyn site which will make it much easier for locals to collect their tests.

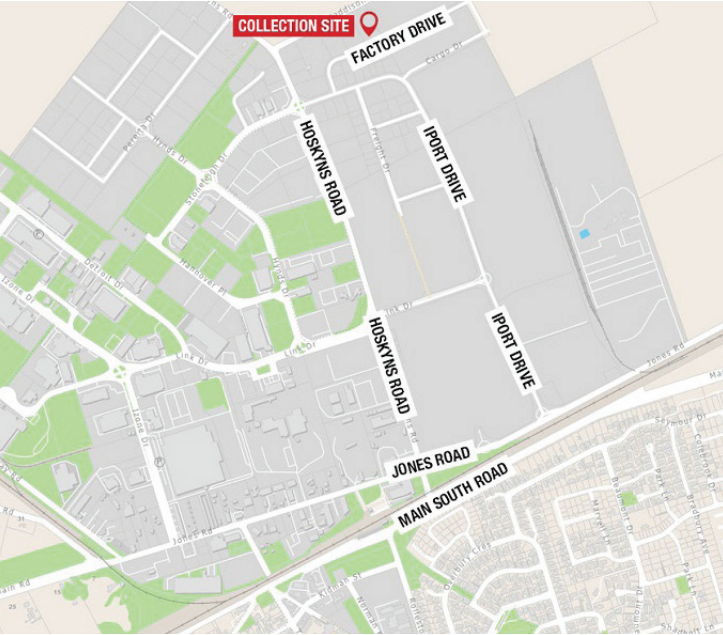
“Managing the current Omicron outbreak is a joint effort and it’s great that we can work with the District Health Board to help support our community.”

To help speed things up at all RAT collection sites please remember to place your order for RATs before heading to a collection site – and have your order number at the ready.

Orders can be made via the online system at <https://requestrats.covid19.health.nz/> or by free calling 0800 222 478 to request your RAT tests.

RATs are free for:

- People with COVID-19 symptoms or who are a household contact or who have been instructed to get tested by a health official
- Critical workers who are household contacts
- Border workers who are required to be tested under the Required Testing Order.



# Autumn tips for looking after your home

For most of us our home is our biggest single investment, so it makes sense to protect it by carrying out regular maintenance. Our building team provides seasonal advice to help you keep on top of maintaining your home.

Autumn is a great time to have a tidy up around your property, prune trees and shrubs, and collect up leaves and turn them into compost. While you’re picking up leaves don’t forget to clean out your spouting, which gets filled up with leaves and other wind-blown debris at this time of year. This will ensure you are ready for winter rain. And if you don’t want to do this job each year, consider fitting leaf guards to your spouting.

Also check that driveway sumps and drainage channels are clear of leaves and other blockages.

With the change of season, it is timely to check the batteries in your smoke alarms and test the alarms.

If you find they are not working, buy replacements and get them fitted without delay – your life could depend on it.

Always make sure you buy good quality smoke alarms with a test button so that you can regularly check that they are still functioning to protect your family.

If you’re fitting new detectors here’s some simple rules to follow:

- Ensure they are either located in all bedrooms or within 3m of bedroom doors so that they can be heard at the bed head
- They are best installed flat on the ceiling at the highest point and at least 300mm away from wall/ceiling junctions
- If you have a two storey house, ensure you have an alarm located at the top of the stairwell
- Don’t install detectors in the kitchen or next to log burners where they will regularly trigger false alarms
- If your smoke alarms are hard wired into your security system, follow the security system manual instructions on how to test them – this is usually easily done with a magnet

## NEED FUNDING FOR YOUR

# CREATIVE

## PROJECT

### Creative Communities Selwyn can help!

Funding is available to groups or individuals with community-based creative projects that promote arts or culture in Selwyn.

There are four funding rounds held each year. Closing dates are the last Friday in August, November, February and May.



Alcohol Notices

Union Fare Limited (Union Eatery Prebbleton) has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 25 March.

Ernie's Cantina Limited (Mt Hutt Lodge) has applied for the renewal of an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 28 March.

Meetings

Public Forums: Council, Community Board and local committee meetings are open to the public. Time is available at the start of meetings for people to speak on matters of concern. Please notify Therese Davel or Bernadette Ryan if you wish to speak at the Council meeting at least five days before the meeting. Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: To list or make changes to meeting details, email meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Council Meeting\*  
Wednesday 23 March 1pm via Zoom  
Malvern Community Board  
Monday 28 March 4pm via Zoom  
\* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coalgate Township Committee  
Tuesday 22 March 7.30pm Coalgate Fire Station

Dunsandel Community Committee  
Monday 21 March 7.30pm Dunsandel Community Centre  
Glentunnel Community Committee  
Monday 28 March 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre  
Kirwee Community Committee  
Monday 21 March 7.30pm Kirwee Hall  
Springston Community Committee  
Wednesday 16 March 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve



On the Roads

Tennyson Street Rolleston Drive Intersection Upgrade  
Tennyson Street is closed from south of 75 Tennyson Street (the Police Station) to 78 Tennyson Street and Rolleston Drive is one-way westbound for the upgrade of the Tennyson Street and Rolleston Drive intersection. Detours are in place.

Darfield Kirwee Wastewater Pipeline project  
Burnham Road is closed to northbound traffic north of the Burnham School Road intersection to State Highway 1 from 10 January to 26 April. A detour will be in place.  
Aylesbury Road between SH1 and Two Chain Road is reduced to one-way only. Traffic will be able to enter from SH1 and move north past the one-way site. The one-way system will be in place until late April. Aylesbury Road between Wards Road and Miles Road also remains closed as pipeline project works continue.  
For updates on road closures and on the project visit selwyn.govt.nz/darfieldkirweewastewater.

Weedons Ross Road seal widening  
Weedons Ross Road will be one-way open to traffic travelling south (towards Rolleston), through the work area for the duration of the project to widen the road. The work area is currently from Kingsdowne Drove to Johnsons Road and will move south as sections are completed. A detour is in place.

Other repairs and upgrades  
Pre-seal repairs are taking place on Hororata Dunsandel Road between Hunters Road and Burgess Road, Dunns Crossing Road between Brookside Road and Boulez Mews, Coleridge Street from Brookside Road and Fyffe Road from Sandy Knolls.

Repairs are also taking place on Hororata Road between Bridge Street and Plantation Road and on Telegraph Road between Courtenay Road and Highfield Road.  
Repairs are taking place on Andrew's Bridge, Mt White.

Traffic management is in place for these works. Please take care around work sites and follow site signage. Follow the QR code with this story for a map of these works, or view our road closures map at selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures.



Learn Earn Grow Selwyn expanding

A month of events supporting Selwyn employers, employees and those looking to get into work is expanding with new sessions added for this week.  
Learn Earn Grow Selwyn has seen the Council partner with employment, business and community groups to run seminars, workshops and other events offering advice and support for people at all stages of their employment from those looking for a job, to people looking to hire, or grow their business.  
With several workshops already sold out and tickets going quickly for others the Council has worked with these partners to add three more sessions to the month's events. The three online sessions will cover COVID support, digital marketing and adapting customer service to the current climate.  
The additional events will kick off today (18 March) with a session by the Ministry of Social Development and Connected NZ designed to help navigate and provide information on what is available for small businesses and job seekers during these challenging times with COVID.  
They will be followed by sessions on Friday with A.P.E Consulting covering why we need to adapt our ideas of customer service and how it works for your customers, while Digital Boost will bring practical tips for upskilling in the digital space.

For more information on sessions or to book visit selwyn.govt.nz/LEGS

DRIVE

Start the licence journey

drive.govt.nz

Event Guide

RED SETTING PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE. VACCINE PASSES REQUIRED FOR THOSE OVER 12 YEARS AND THREE MONTHS OLD FOR ALL FACILITIES AND FOR BOOKED OR TICKETED EVENTS. CAPACITY LIMITS ARE IN PLACE.

Thursday 17 March

Culture and Communication in the Kiwi workplace

Te Ara Ātea, 10.30am–12.30pm

Our region's ethnic and cultural diversity, adds huge value to our communities and businesses, and has put a spotlight on how we work together in the workplace. This session will focus on understanding what makes Kiwi workplaces different, why it's hard for some to 'fit in' and practical advice on working with cultural differences. Part of Learn Earn Grown Selwyn. Free. Bookings required. To book or for more business and employment support opportunities visit selwyn.govt.nz/LEGS.

Thursday 17 March

English Learners Coffee Club

Te Ara Ātea, 1.30–2.30pm

Join us to improve your everyday English skills and confidence in a casual setting. Sessions are focused on the needs of learners – so no two classes are the same. All language learners welcome. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Friday 18 March

Awesome Autumn: Special Storytimes

Darfield Library, 10–10.30am

Join us for a special Storytimes to celebrate Autumn. With fun interactive activities, seasonal stories and sing-a-longs. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events. One booking per family bubble please.

Friday 18 March

Connecting Selwyn

Darfield Recreation and Community Centre, 10am–12pm

A platform for employers and prospective employees to meet and discuss potential employment opportunities. Part of Learn Earn Grown Selwyn. Free. Bookings required. To book or for more business and employment support opportunities visit selwyn.govt.nz/LEGS.

Saturday 19 March

Sourdough Workshop

Rolleston Community Centre, 9am–1pm and 2–6pm

In this hands-on workshop learn how to make sourdough and take home your own sourdough culture to get you started. 16+ years. \$45 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Saturday 19 March

Make Your Own Wacky Scarecrow

Leeston Library, 10am–12pm

Would you like a garden friend to scare away pesky birds eating your fruit and veges? Join Creative Junk and make a small scarecrow or bring the whole family and create a big one together! Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Wednesday 23 March

Little Planters: Pot Decorating for Kids

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 3.30–4.30pm

Decorate a pot plant with paint before planting seedlings in it to take home. All materials provided. \$5 per person. 7+ years. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

FOR INFORMATION ON LISTING A COMMUNITY EVENT VISIT SELWYN.GOV.TZ/COUNCILCALL.